(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. Such a demand has been made by the General Secretary, All India Kendriya Vidyalaya Teachers Association in an Agenda item proposed for consideration in the Joint Consultative Machinery.

(b) to (d) It is for the Joint Consultative Machinery to consider the matter.

White Printing Paper

2608. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Scheme to provide white printing paper at subsidised rates for printing of text books and exercise books was discontinued by Government in April, 1990;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Government of Maharashtra have requested the Central Government for the revival of the scheme; and

(c) if so, by when Government propose to revive the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no firm proposal to revive the scheme.

Lottery System for admission

2609. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is also a fact that Delhi Administration has decided to provide admission to students in model composite schools by lottery system instead of admission tests;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons for the decision and the year from which it is likely to be effective;

(c) the eligibility criteria laid down for students to participate in the lottery;

(d) whether Government propose to ask all Public and Aided schools of Delhi to observe the system of lottery instead of admission tests while providing admission to students during next academic session; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Delhi Administration has decided to provide admission to the students of First Standard by lottery system in the composite model schools from the academic session 1992-93, as the Delhi Administration felt that students should not be subjected to tests at this stage. As regards eligibility criteria parents of the neighbourhood will be allowed to get their wards registered in one of the such composite schools. The admission will be allowed by draw of lots in the presence of the parents and the concerned officials.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) It would not be proper to impose such system on private school.

Students studying in Russia

2610. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian students studying in the erstwhile Soviet Union are facing difficulties due to collapse of the Soviet Union; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to help the students to complete their studies there?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Human Resource Development have, on the advice of the Indian Embassy in Moscow, sanctioned emergency assistance of Rs. 500 per month per student in hard currency to students officially sponsored by Department of Education and still pursuing their studies in the erstwhile USSR for the period from December, 1991 to March, 1992. Besides, on the advice of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Reserve Bank of India has issued instructions to the Banks and Foregn Exchange dealers to allow parents and guardians of all students already studying in the former USSR to remit upto US Dollars 50 per month. The Reserve Bank of India has also authorised the purchase of tickets to return from Moscow to India in Indian rupees.

It had been reported by the Indian Embassy in Moscow that the Heads of Government of the Commonwealth of Independent States had recently decided to reaffirm the corresponing agreements of the former USSR regarding foreign students and to begin working out new documents in this regard. Further information has been received that a draft document is under consideration.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय में प्रोफेसरों के खाली पद

2611. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के विभिन्न विभागों में प्रोफेसरों के कितने पद कब से खाली पड़े हुए हैं ;

(ख) उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) इन पदों को भरने के लिए क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, इस समय विभिन्न विभागों में प्रोफेसरों के 92 पद रिक्त पड़े हैं तीन वर्ष अधिक समय से अधिकांश पद रिक्त हैं ।

(ख) इन रिक्तयों को न भरने के लिए विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा दिए गए कारण निम्नलिखित है :—

(i) नियुक्तियों के लिए उपयुक्त उम्मीदवारों की सिफारिश करने के वास्ते चयन समितियों की असमर्थता,

(ii) पदों का पुन: विज्ञापन,

(iii) पिछले कुछ वर्षों के दौरान सेवानिवृत्ति की बड़ी संख्या ।

(ग) विश्वविद्यालय ने सूचित किया है कि प्रोफेसरों के अनेक रिक्त पदों का विज्ञापन दिया गया है । कुछ पदों के लिए चयन समितियों द्वारा हाल ही में बैठकें आयोजित की गई हैं और अन्य पदों के लिए चयन समितियों का कार्यक्रम तैयार कर लिया गया है ।

Conditions of women

2612. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of women in India, community-wise;

(b) the community-wise details of their backwardness and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve their lot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF WOMEN AND CHILD